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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of  
ANANTHAPADMANABHAN  
et al.  
Application No.: 09/557,282  
Filed: April 24, 2000

) For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
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Attention: Donald Storm, Examiner

Dear Sir:

This correspondence is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 14, 2003, and is filed concurrently with a Request for Continuing Examination. Applicants herein present amendments and respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

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